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REMARKS:

1. Response after Final and Amendment (11 pages)

Thank you!

- Peter Nieves

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed January 8, 2004 (Paper No. 15), and after a detailed Examiner Interview held February 12, 2004. Please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this first response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this first response, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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